

**TOWN OF VERNON
VERNON ARTS COMMISSION**
Minutes of March 4, 2013

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Commissioners (C) & Associates (A) Present:

Donna Barnas (A)
Irma Carter (C)
Andrea Nardi (A)

Bobbie Orne (C)
Lisa Ouellette (C)
Ginny Rogala (C)

Guests:

John Kopec, Vernon Town Council
Ross Novgrad
Joan Sonnanburg, Director – VCAC

The meeting was called to order at 7 PM at the Vernon Community Arts Center by Acting Chair Irma Carter.

Minutes: The February, 2013 minutes were corrected as follows: Treasurer's Report (pg. 1), VAC Town Account should read \$1,190.00. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes as corrected. Unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report:

Town Account	\$1,690.00
FVAC Account	\$1,430.16

A motion was made and seconded to approve the Treasurer's Report. Unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Artist's Forum.** Next Forum will be held on March 29, 2013, 7 PM at the VCAC (change of venue). Lisa will buy refreshment supplies. Andrea & Bobbie will help set up. Irma will contact Claudia about publicity. Bobbie will e-mail Forum list. Discussion re: focus and format of Forum. Bill to be the MC?? Suggestion to have Joan give a short overview of VCAC.
- **FVAC Benefits:** Discussed the possibility of discounted trip ticket prices for members of FVAC. No decision was made but there was a consensus that benefits of some kind are needed to encourage FVAC membership. The issue needs further discussion and clarity in future meeting.
- **VAC Website:** Discussed the need for a coordinator for: 1) the VAC web site (vacvernonct.tripod.com), 2) the VAC Facebook Account and 3) updating the VAC Town web site and linking it to the VAC's Tripod web site. These are important issues for the VAC and need to be addressed ASAP. Lisa volunteered to investigate what this would entail and will contact John Carter (VAC web site designer). John Kopec volunteered to contact John Ward re: Town of Vernon web site coordinator.
- **Possible VAC Programs Using Presently Unallocated VAC Funds of \$1,690:** Joan Sonnanburg reported there were three programs pending at VCAC that are in need of funds & she requested VAC support for: 1) a Balam Soto program, "Paper To Pixel." Requested funds = \$640, 2) a Harp music program. Requested funds = \$500 and 3) a puppetry program for August, 2013. Requested funds = \$490. In addition to these, Ross Novgrad has requested \$600 from the VAC for a jazz music program done in conjunction with the VCAC. A motion was made and seconded that the VAC provide funding for the above programs. Unanimously approved. The Ross Novgrad program will be funded, in minimal part, by the FVAC. A motion was made & seconded that the VAC spend the remaining funds from the VAC Town Account budgeted for Advertising in support of the above programs. Unanimously approved.
- **Recruitment of New VAC Members:** Lisa shared a list of people she thought might be VAC membership prospects. She suggested members consider other means of recruiting potential members. She also suggested prospects be invited to the next Forum.

- **Possible VAC Fall Events/Bus Trips.** Donna shared brochures she received from on various museums, theaters. Other ideas were discussed. At next meeting in April the VAC will set a date for a fall event - in order to secure buses.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **VAC-Sponsored HSO Summer Concert:** announced the dates and descriptions of the four concerts being presented at Talcott Mountain. After discussion, it was decided that the concert featuring the music of John Williams would be the VAC choice for summer, 2013. Irma will contact the HSO regarding tickets and the bus companies for availability.
- **VAC Scholarship Applications:** RHS has notified Irma applications are ready to be picked up for review by VAC. She will duplicate the forms for member's evaluation and tabulation.
- **Update VAC" Information" Card:** Andrea noted there are a number of outdated pieces of information on the present card which needs to be corrected. Andrea will make corrections and contact Lori Robeau re: printing new cards.
- **Recognition of Scholarship Recipients:** Lisa suggested a newspaper article would be a good idea. She will contact Claudia.
- **Creative Communities Exchange Program (Sponsored by the New England Foundation for The Arts):** Lisa announced this 2-day program to be held June 6-7 in Portland, Maine. The fee (with Early Bird registration) is \$80 which covers registration and meals. She is interested in attending and invited others to participate.
- **Power of the Drum Program:** A South Windsor program for grandparents and children attended by Irma. Suggested as a possible VAC event.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 PM. The next meeting will be held on Monday, April 1, 2013 at the VCAC. Ginny Rogala will be Acting Chair.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bobbie Orne, Secretary

